

But the people were not thinking of soul-needs.

Then turning upon these selfish and carnal minded people. Jesus, said, "But you have seen me, the true bread, and yet you do not believe. Your ideas are wrong and you are satisfied with them. I came down from heaven not to do my own will, else I might accept your view of the Messiah as a miracle-monger and a worldly conqueror with the sword. I came to do the will of Him that sent me. And His will is that I shall found a kingdom of spiritually-minded men, and of all which he hath given me I shall lose nothing. It is a question of spiritual fitness. Only the spiritually fit will come to me, only those who realize their need of godlikeness and desire to be god-like. All these I shall raise up at the last day. And my Father's will is that every one that looks intently at the Son and believes on him, shall have eternal life. And such I will raise up the last day to be with me."

The Result

These were hard words for these people to understand. Jesus, doubtless, spoke them to sift the people. The magnet attracts only iron particles in a dust heap. So Christ attracts only the spiritually minded to him. From this day many of Christ's disciples left him. It was not quantity but quality with Christ.

Lesson Applied

1. Curiosity is often the motive of multitudes.
2. The temporal blessings which God and Christ gives us may be blessings or curses. Blessings, if we understand that they are "signs" of spiritual needs and supplies. Curses, if they simply whet our appetites for more of their kind.
3. Jesus sees the motives of the heart. Don't think you can deceive him.
4. Alas! some people still serve Christ for the loaves and fishes. Too bad, when they might have spiritual blessings divine!
5. The work of God is simple, belief; but it means much to the soul.
6. Too many are laboring for "the meat that perisheth," land and money to enjoy selfishly, to give the children to gloat over. Money used for God, of course, is not "meat that perisheth."
7. How marvelous that Christ is presented to us as the very essentials of life, Bread, Water, Light!
8. Seeing is not believing. v. 36.
9. Christ casts out none who come to Him.
10. The kind of disciples rather than the number, was Christ's aim. There are disciples and disciples *indeed*.

J. L. GILLIN.

Sow an act
And you reap a habit,
Sow a habit
And you reap a character.
Sow a character
And you reap a destiny.

—Thackeray.

Church News

Church Reports

It is our aim in doing the work Conference put upon us this year, of again collecting statistics from the churches, to make it complete. It ought to be time that we were able to make our own report as to the condition of our church rather than to have a member of some other church report for us to such papers as the Independent, etc.

I have sent blanks to all the pastors whose names are in the Annual. I hope you all will see to it that these reports are filled out and sent in at once.

The work of compiling the results so as to present them intelligently to Conference is such that we must have time to do it. Hence, must have your reports.

If you don't have in your records all the information asked for, send what you have. Where you can make a reasonable estimate, if you can't be exact. Only 45 have so far responded. *Hurry up, brethren.*

J. L. GILLIN.

Mulvane, Kan.

I will again endeavor to write for our paper. Sunday, June 24 is our regular preaching day. We have preaching services morning and evening. We do not know how long this may continue as there is one case of Smallpox in Mulvane; the disease is closer to us now than it has ever been.

We held children's day exercises Sunday evening June 10th. The title of our program was "The Ladder of Life." The house was crowded; all seemed to have a good time. The children did nicely.

The Sunday-school workers are holding teacher's meeting once a week. I do not think there is a work more beneficial to a Sunday-school than a teacher's meeting, as it not only helps our teachers, but gets the pupils interested in studying the lesson and in time makes Sunday-school very interesting.

Brother and Sister L. G. Wood visited the class at Winfield three weeks ago. They have a union Sunday-school but no preaching. Brother Wood left an appointment at that place.

ESTELLA RENNIE.

June 22, 1900.

Berlin, Pa.

Since our last report we held two more communion services, one in the Downey congregation and the other in the Mountain church. In the former service we began the preparatory meeting on Thursday and closed with the communion on Sunday evening. As we had intended to hold a two weeks' meeting and then close with the communion, the latter was not generally announced and a few were absent but probably could have been present. Come brethren, we can not maintain true piety and ignore his commandments. Hear John 15:14, "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." Again he says, in 6:53, "Except ye eat of the flesh of the Son of man and drink his

blood ye have no life in you." All dead limbs fall from the tree sooner or later.

The service at the latter place was also a most enjoyable one being the second ever held here. There were also a few absent but this was due to sickness in each case. The force that turned out from Maple Grove and Berlin added much to the spirituality and greatly aided in the song service.

Come again, brethren and sisters, the Mountain church loves that kind of brotherly visiting. The service left a deep spiritual significance on the community and the prospects here point toward the establishing of a strong Brethren church.

P. M. SWINEHART.

Iowa Notes

In these notes which I shall write from time to time (V. D.), I shall not pretend to give the church news for Iowa. I shall simply endeavor to offer some helpful personal thoughts and impressions. Our regular correspondents here will furnish the church news.

A FUNERAL

Yesterday we laid to rest the remains of one of our most faithful sisters, Mrs. J. P. Lichty. Bro. and Sister Lichty were among the older people who were with the Progressives at the time of the church division. For almost a year Sister Lichty had been in delicate health, a result of increasing years and heart trouble. She sat at the table at our love feast June 10, baked the unleavened bread for it and enjoyed the old associations again. The next Tuesday the fatal illness came. She lingered for but little more than a week and then with her family about her, went home to her Saviour. She was faithful so we preached her funeral sermon from Rev. 2:10.

We all shall miss her patient, faithful face, but we shall see her again.

Would that she could have lived to see the new church in Waterloo, but she lives to see the "many mansions".

FATHER HALL'S QUESTION

In a recent paper Bro. Hall of Montour, Ia. asks when we would better have our district conference, which meets with the Montour Brethren this year. As far as I am concerned I think about Sept. 15 would suit us here at Enon and Waterloo. What say you other Brethren of the district?

ACCESSIONS REPORTED

In the BRETHREN EVANGELIST during the quarter just ended, June 28, there have been reported, 211 accessions to the Brethren church. During the first quarter of this year there were 515 accessions. From this it would appear that the work for souls is more effective in seasons less busy. But we thank God for these 211 and pray that they may be faithful. O, how much we need wisdom to become fishers of men. We all should have more zeal and earnestness.

There are some great changes taking place